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bleffing. Rebecca faid to Jacob, I am afraid your brother Eſau intends to kill you; therefore, my fon, go to your uncle Laban, and ſtay with him a few days, till your brother's anger is blown over. Laban had two daughters. Leah, the eldeſt, was very plain, but Rachael, the youngeſt, was very handſome. Jacob fell in love with Rachael, and asked Laban to give her to him in marriage: who ſaid to him, I will give you my daughter Rachael, if you will be my ſervant for ſeven years. Jacob conſented to it, and he loved Rachael ſo well, that ſeven years appeared to him but as ſo many days. At the end of this time he thought he had married Rachael: but Laban deceived him, and put his daughter Leah into the bed. As Jacob went without a candle, he did not perceive that his father-in-law had cheated him; but in the morning, when it was day-light, he was forely vexed. Laban ſaid to him, It is not cuſtomary in this country to marry the youngeſt

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youngeſt before the eldeſt. I will ſerve me ſeven years for a week's time I will give you Leah. Jacob conſented to it; and at that time Laban deſired to continue with him longer, and gave him a great reward. But he would not deceive him; yet that did not prevent Jacob from becoming very fond of his wife Leah: ſo that he did not love his wife Leah: ſo that he had a paſſion on her. He gave Leah ſeven children, and Rachael ſix. At length, however, Jacob returned to his own country. Jacob left his father-in-law when he was arrived there, he found that his brother Eſau was with a great number of armed men. He was ſadly frightened, but an angel appeared to him: and he gave him preſents to his brother to encourage him: and he was no longer in anger.

*Mademoiſelle.* Come, I will tell you your hiſtory.

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